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1. THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL ARE A GOOD BASIS FOR BEGINNING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAG ON COORDINATION OF POLICY TOWARD SOMALIA. AFTER WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE SAUDIS WE EXPECT TO HAVE SOME COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOGADISCIO ON HOW MOST EFFECTIVELY TO USE OUR LIMITED RESOURCES. WE OFFER NOW SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS.

2. US NAVY SHIP VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE DESIRE FOR A SHIP VISIT TO A SOMALI PORT; IT WOULD BE A VISIBLE SIGN THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED FOR A MUTUAL, NOT JUST UNILATERAL, IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS AND IS READY TO GIVE US SOME OF THE TREATMENT HERETOFORE RESERVED FOR THE SOVIETS. WE QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT IS TO OUR ADVANTAGE INITIALLY TO PUSH FOR A CONCESSION WHICH WOULD

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TEND TO UNDERLINE A MILITARY ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP IF WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. A BIT OF DRAMA. WHEN WE DO IDENTIFY FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, WE MIGHT CONSIDER USING A PORTION OF THEM FOR CONSPICUOUS DELIVERY OF COMMODITIES PURCHASED, PERHAPS BY

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C-5 CARGO PLANE OR LEASED COMMERCIAL 747 CARGO AIRCRAFT.
THIS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE LOCAL IMPACT THAN VISIT BY SMALL
US NAVAL UNIT.
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